## **FISCAL NOTE**

# SB 3447 - HB 3543

February 24, 2004

#### **SUMMARY OF BILL:**

- Increases from a Class C misdemeanor to a Class A misdemeanor for certain violations related to restricted use pesticides.
- Prohibits the sale of any pesticide classified by the Commissioner of Agriculture as being for restricted use unless the person to whom the sale is made holds a valid certificate or license issued by the Department of Agriculture, as required by TCA 62-21-115. The pesticide dealer shall require that each purchaser show evidence of such certificate or license prior to finalizing the sale.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Not Significant Increase Local Govt. Revenues - Not Significant

Impact depends upon the number of persons convicted of this offense and the resulting increased cost to local governments to confine such persons versus the increased revenues to local governments from fines levied and collected under the provisions of this bill.

Bill does not impact the Department of Agriculture that currently regulates the use of restricted use pesticides as well as pesticide dealers.

#### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James W. White, Executive Director